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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
VORSTER

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1. I CALLED ON PRESIDENT LAMIZANA MORNING MAY 7 AND BRIEFED HIM
ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S SCHEDULED MEETING IN VIENNA WITH
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, USING INFORMATION CONTAINED PARAS 9-11
REFTEL. AT THE OUTSET, I STRESSED SENSIVITY OF INFORMATION I WAS
ABOUT TO CONVEY TO HIM, AND AT THE END I UNDERLINED POINTS
CONTAINED PARA 12 REFTEL.

2. PRESIDENT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SENSITIVITY OF INFORMATION I HAD
JUST GIVEN TO HIM. HE CHARACTERIZED MEETING BETWEEN VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AS "EXCELLENT
INITIATIVE." HE SAID THAT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THERE WERE
MODERATES ON BOTH SIDES WHO HAD TO BE ENCOURAGED. THE PROBLEM OF
RACE RELATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT. IT
WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO FIND A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO IT BUT
A START HAD TO BE MADE AND THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA HAD TO BE
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GIVEN SOME HOPE THAT THEY WOULD SOME DAY ENJOY THE SAME RIGHTS
AS THE WHITES. SOME OF THE MORE RACIST WHITES PROBABLY
THOUGHT THAT IF THINGS REALLY GOT DESPERATE FOR THEM, THE
U.S. WOULD SAVE THEM AT THE END. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAKE
THEM UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSAIRLY THE CASE.
PRESIDENT CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT ARMED CONFRONTATIONS IN
RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND EVENTUALLY IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BEN-

EFIT NO ONE EXCEPT THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES.
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